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The beautiful Gardens of the Arcen Castle. The Village of Arcen is situated in the Province of Limburg not far from the large City of Venlo. The Village is hemmed in between the river Maas (Meuse) and the German border. Much more on the Town of Arcen and its Castle on pages 23 – 24.

Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

Note: There is light at the end of the long dark Tunnel. When you read this magazine, the RDC would have opened its doors for small clubs with limits set by our WA Government. Presently the limits are that no more than 20 people will be allowed within the entire club!!

André Rieu on the big screen.

Over the past couple of years many of us have enjoyed the amazing André Rieu Concerts on the big screen as Neerlandia sponsored the tickets for its Members. In recent times we have shown the 2019 Maastricht Concert and his 70th Birthday Concert.

Dear Members, if the theatres will be open again, the next Concert by André might be shown on Sunday the 2nd of August, or later on in the year. And it also will be the last one sponsored by Neerlandia. I have secured a block booking of 104 seats. However,

ticket sales are on hold until confirmation is received.

Henk Oorschot,

Event Co-Ordinator. L.M.

The Tivoli Club in Applecross Dec 2020.

The Tivoli Club is located opposite the Raffles Hotel and holds a unique place in the entertainment scene of Australia, being the only non-professional theatre that produces a variety/cabaret show all year around. It was found that the "real old time vaudeville" entertainment proved popular with audiences. Many well known entertainers started their career at the Tivoli over the years.

I am happy to announce that Neerlandia was able to make a block booking for Sunday the 13th of December 2020 for 80 seats.

The normal price is \$20.-, but because most of us are Seniors, the entrance price is \$17.- and that includes chicken and chips at the interval.

As Neerlandia is going to sponsor this event with \$10.
- per Member, you will only pay \$7.- for your ticket.

My advice is that you book your seats as soon as the green light is given, so that you don't miss out.

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Henk Oorschot.

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President's Report



Dear members,

As the restrictions are starting to ease, we at Committee level are busy reviewing and monitoring this opportunity.

Together with RDC we are looking at the option to have some of our sub-Clubs start up again.

There are some very stringent rules around this. Following are the details of the communication received from the RDC explaining the strict requirements:

As the RDC Club House is only open to group activities, we are relying on the group leaders to open and close the Club.

Each group is asked to clean any shared equipment being used, including wiping down of tables and chairs and door handles when they have finished.

A basket containing cleaning tools will be located in the entrance foyer of the Club. Please remember to complete the cleaning register. The toilets will be cleaned daily by the Club's cleaner.

Also each group is asked to complete

an attendance sheet and file it in the folder located in the fover.

A copy of the Club's COVID-19 Safety Plan is also located in the folder in the foyer. Please take time to read it.

Each room has the maximum number of occupants allowed in, posted near the entrance of the room, so please take note and adhere to the advice.

Hand Sanitiser is located throughout the Club and there is plenty of soap and water in the toilets, please make use of them.

During the current Stage 2 the cleaning and sharing of any equipment (lawn bowls, "sjoelschijven", kaarten, coffee cup's etc) are definitely some areas we need to be mindful of, as they need to be cleaned before these can be passed on to another person. Each Sub-Club will appoint a certificated COVID-19 Hygiene Officer, who will be in charge during the Event/Club meeting.

I want to stress to all attending our functions to adhere to the social distancing rules and personal hygiene requirements (the use of antibacterial spray & hand wash). I would also like to encourage all attending our Meetings/Functions/Events to have the COVID app installed on your phone.

We understand that some activities that we are used to do, will now be hard to do if not impossible.

Please adhere to the rules and help us for Neerlandia to rise again. Groeten,,

Eric van Waaijenburg President.

Which businesses are in trouble?

It is with great sadness that I have to mention the loss of a few local businesses around our Town.



The bra manufacturer has gone bust, the specialist in submersibles has gone under, the manufacturer of food blenders has

gone into liquidation, a dog kennel has had to call in the retrievers, the suppliers of paper for origami enthusiasts has folded, the Heinz factory has been canned as they couldn't ketchup with orders, the tarmac laying company has reached the end of the road, the bread company has run out of dough, the clock manufacturer has had to wind down and gone cuckoo, the Chinese has been taken away, the shoe shop has had to put his foot down and given his staff the boot and finally the laundrette has been taken to the cleaners! Special advice regarding the lock down. Just be careful, because people are going crazy from being in lock down! Actually I've just been talking about this with the microwave and toaster while drinking coffee and all of us agreed that things are getting bad.

I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she puts a different spin on everything and certainly not to the fridge as he is acting cold and distant. In the end, the iron calmed me down as she said everything will be fine no situation is too pressing. The hoover was very unsympathetic....told me to just suck it up, but the fan was more optimistic and hoped it would all soon blow over. The toilet looked a bit flushed when I asked it's opinion and didn't say anything, but the door knob told me to get a grip. The front door said I was unhinged and so the curtains told me to(yes, you guessed it) @@###.....pull myself together!

COVID-19 the possible opportunities it can give us.

It started for me working from home each and every day, instead of about half the time.

In the past I worked from home for a few consecutive months, but the first two weeks of working from home during the COVID-19 period felt actually quite long. I then realized that this time it's not just about working from home, it's also not going to the sports Club anymore, not going to Union meetings anymore, not going to writers Club activities and meetings anymore, following university classes online, not going out to dinner, not seeing friends and of course not going to Neerlandia Dutch Club activities and meetings anymore.

As you can see from above I have many outdoor activities, and one might well expect a big shock for me and the kids with all that being taken away so suddenly, even taking into account that a few activities moved online.

But it is surprising to see how I kept myself very busy. In particular the studies that I started at the beginning of this academic semester kept me busy for many hours.



I checked online about the Plague (Black death) that held most of Europe in the 14th Century and other parts of the world in its grip. During that time the pandemic lasted about 9 years and had killed an estimated 200 Million people. The Black Death had a big impact on social, religious and industrial structures.

Back to the present, at the time of writing,

Contributions by our Members and Editorial

we are in the first week of May, the kids are back to school, I still work from home, it looks like we are heading out of this. But I think we are heading straight into an economically very difficult time. Compared with the Black Death, COVID-19 will have a bigger impact on the economy than on the human toll.

The longer it impacts our economy, the bigger will the impact be on social, religious and industrial matters.

Whatever the change, I hope that humankind will learn to look better after Earth's Ecosystem, reduce the Social Inequality around the world, and turn away from Competitive Individualism and move more to community based activities. Such as hang around with friends and family, which can be achieved at the Neerlandia Dutch Club, once we open our doors again. P.S.

We didn't have any hoarding stress, as I always buy in big quantities. For instance below you see a picture of toilet rolls I bought in May 2019, like I also did in early January.

Machiel van der Stelt.

Editorial.

A very sincere apology to the descendants of Linda Doeglas, as her surname was spelled incorrectly in the In Memoriam articles in the May magazine. We slipped up badly and it should not have happened.

Also an apology for a couple of errors that sneaked in and were printed on the puzzle page.

- 1. The solution on the two Sudoku puzzles was printed on the same page.
- 2. There was also mistake in the Code Word puzzle. The letter "A" was allocated number 24 in the actual puzzle itself and given number 25 in the Alphabet grid underneath the puzzle. I did received phone calls about the puzzle errors and I thank you for those. It means that readers enjoy cracking the Codeword puzzles. The website from which I do get these Code Word puzzles has changed its format and I can no longer print them. But I have searched around and located another suitable website, so all is well once again.

As a reward for the mistakes made, I have included 2 extra Code Word puzzles on page 25. I will print the results next month. Happy puzzling!

And to all Members, thank you again for the many articles that were sent in by you.

Pieter Leeflang. (Life Member).

When do them kids, go back to school?



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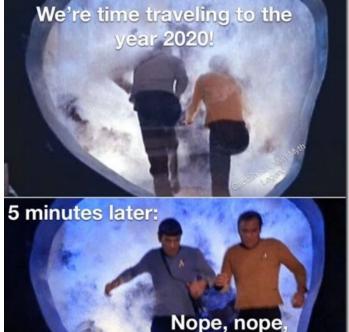
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André Rieu - Will it happen or not?



IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Unfortunately André Rieu's annual concerts in Maastricht will not take place this summer and the accompanying cinema event: "Happy Together" is now also cancelled. But there is hope for something else!

No summer is complete without the enchanting waltzes of André Rieu and the incomparable Johan Strauss Orchestra! Music brings people together, brings hope and brings joy - and we need this now more than ever.

Across the world we are all experiencing a challenging period and for that reason André Rieu wants to help lift everyone's spirits and what better way than with music?

André Rieu's Magical Maastricht: "Together in Music", is a very personal cinema event in which André Rieu shares how music and his family have helped him through this most difficult time.

Magical Maastricht: "Together in Music" celebrates 15 years of musical memories and his most spectacular performances from his beloved hometown of Maastricht.

We will keep you informed if the 2nd of August show in Innaloo will proceed.

Henk Oorschot, Event Co-ordinator. L.M.

Stuff Dutch People Like

"Stuff Dutch People Like" is a column written by an Expatriate living in the Netherlands. This amusing column observes the Dutch in their everyday life. We hope that you enjoy reading "Stuff Dutch People Like" as much as we do. The blog is available via the internet.



DUTCH INVENTIONS.

The Dutch are a smart, practical bunch and have been at the forefront of some pretty life changing inventions. There are some famous Dutch inventions that you probably already know about – the microscope, the telescope, pendulum clocks and of course, clogs. The Dutch were even in on the invention of Wi-Fi, without which, you would probably not be reading this right now.

However, there are some lesser known inventions, that the Dutch have proudly been at the cutting edge of. Ingenious, original, ground breaking and well, quirky. Here at Stuff Dutch People Like, we are delighted to share a few of these gems with you.

1. Submarine.

Without Cornelis Drebbel's invention, Stromberg's underwater Atlantis basin in "The Spy Who Loved Me", would not have existed. Drebbel, a Dutch 17th century physicist, invented the first submarine – a big wooden structure, covered in greased leather, which used tubes to bring air underwater. Drebbel's inventions were so unusual, people thought he was a sorcerer. He designed and built his submarine in 1620, in England, and tested it in the Thames.





(Side note: On the subject of all things water, the Dutch also invented a curious 17th century rubber boat – complete with rubber boots! Used for fishing and hunting, it was inflatable and utterly fabulous. We have to wonder why it didn't catch on? We'd totally float up the Keizersgracht in one of these!)

2. Folding emergency bridge.



The Dutch Mr. Deth invented a very practical solution to crossing all those canals; an emergency bridge, which was foldable and could be transported on a handcart. Very practical indeed in the Lowlands, especially if you couldn't be bothered to walk to the nearest bridge (and you didn't happen to have the inflatable-boat-with-boots in your cart).

3. Orange carrots.

Did you know that the first carrots cultivated were white, purple or yellow? The orange carrot, that we know and love, came much later and yes, you guessed it – the Dutch were at the heart of this carroty invention! In the 17th century, the first orange carrot was grown and

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proved very popular with Dutch carrot farmers who started growing these fancy, new orange carrots as a tribute to William of Orange.

The fancy, new orange carrot was so popular, that all other carrots were snubbed in a vegetable apartheid and the orange carrot reigned supreme!

4. The 'Dutch door'.

We are sure you've come across a stable door. You know the type that looks like it's been sawn in half? Well guess, what? The Dutch invented that. You can open the top bit so light and air can get in, yet you can have the bottom bit closed to keep the animals out of your house, and your kids inside (unless you are having a bad parenting day and you might want to reverse that!) This type of door was common in the Netherlands in the 17th century and can still be seen in most country homes worldwide.



5. Mixed tapes.



Hands up if you remember mixed tapes? Well, Koninklijke Philips N.V. (commonly known as Philips – the Dutch technology company) have been VERY busy in the inventing business. In fact, they brought us the cassette tape, the videotape, the CD and the CD-ROM. Before all you die-hard tech nerds out there shoot us down, some of these inventions were in conjunction with other countries, however the Dutch were there, once again, at the

forefront of these inventions! We guess we have Philips to thank for the mixed tapes of our teenage years.

6. Brandy.



In the 16th century, a Dutch Shipmaster decided to try his hand at making wine easier to transport. He heated the wine up, to concentrate it with the plan of eventually adding water to dilute it back to wine. However, he discovered that his concentrated wine was rather nice and called it 'Burnt wine,' ('brandewijn' in Dutch.) His friends all liked his potent new drink and it became the brandy we now pour into our coffees each morning. Or, wait, is that just us?

7. A bike treadmill.

Dutch entrepreneur, Bruin Bergmeester invented a hybrid between a bike and a treadmill. He was inspired by his cross trainer and designed an electric bicycle powered by a small treadmill between its wheels. He called a lopifit and it can reach up to 25 km per hour. (Ed.: to see this working watch: https://www.lopifit.nl/)





8. Stroopwafels.

Maybe the most important of Dutch inventions. Source: www.stuffdutchpeoplelike.com

Ook de halfbakken Nederlander voelt zich Nederlander in hart en nieren. Quizz results!

Algemeen, Nieuws, Tradities

De community NIHB – Nederlanders in het buitenland lanceerde, om de zinnen te verzetten, een quiz: Hoe Nederlands ben ik eigenlijk nog? In een week tijd zijn er bijna 15.000 reacties uit 184 landen binnengekomen. Wat blijkt? Volgens puntentelling kun je veel Nederlanders halfbakken noemen, maar we voelen ons nog wel echt Nederlander. Ook als we niet meer Koningsdag vieren.

Noem een land en er wonen Nederlanders. Dit blijkt ook maar weer eens uit de quiz die de community NIHB vorige week lanceerde. Van Oman tot Antibes en van Guernsey tot China kwamen de reacties binnen op de 35, soms ludieke, vragen. Welke uitspraak is van Youp van het Hek, kom je op tijd als je een afspraak hebt, in welke taal droom je, heb je een flessenlikker in je keuken en wie is Freek Vonk? Met deze en nog vele andere vragen, 35 in totaal, verdient de deelnemer punten. Het aantal punten classificeert de Nederlanders in het buitenland als :"*Die Hard, voldoende, halfbakken of pseudo*" Nederlander.

Antonietta Sgherzi, de oprichtster van de community NIHB en zelf wonend in het Verenigd Koninkrijk bedacht de quiz: "Even de zinnen verzetten en wat anders dan het coronanieuws waarmee we op alle media overspoeld worden. Veel mensen vervelen zich, je ziet het aan de hoeveelheid maffe lijstjes die je op onder andere Facebook voorbij ziet komen". Wij, van NIHB, zijn altijd bezig met het Nederlanderschap en wat dit, vaak in rechtmatige zin, voor gevolgen kan hebben, wanneer je in het buitenland woont. Dit doen we middels een partnerschap met Stichting GOED, belangenorganisatie voor Nederlanders in het buitenland, meestal zijn het dus serieuze zaken, nu deden we eens iets anders. Wij zijn wel gewend aan een goede respons op onze onderzoeken, maar zoveel reacties, dat is wel heel tof. Maar liefst 14.900 reacties in een week tijd! Dat komt vermoedelijk ook omdat we via onze kanalen en vrijwilligers veel Nederlanders kunnen bereiken.

De Nederlandse betrokkenheid en taal.

Het blijkt dat veel mensen Nederlandse boeken lezen en we kijken nog best vaak naar de Nederlandse TV en films van Nederlandse bodem. Naar de radio luisteren we wat minder, maar toch scant de helft, van tijd tot tijd, in op een Nederlands radiostation. De meerderheid volgt ook het nieuws in Nederland, blijkbaar blijven we nog graag op de hoogte van de gebeurtenissen in ons kikkerlandje.

Washandje en stamppotstamper.

Een derde van de quizzers, en dan hebben we het over ruim 4.500 mensen, hebben klompen in huis en zelfs 68% heeft washandjes. Een kaasschaaf is voor driekwart van de mensen nog altijd onmisbaar en ruim de helft heeft een stamppotstamper in huis. Het lijkt erop dat er



dan ook nog best wat
Nederlands gekookt
wordt in de wereld.
Sommige typisch
Nederlandse
eigenschappen zijn stevig
geworteld. Zo geeft maar



liefst 77% aan tijdens een afspraak op tijd of zelfs iets eerder te zijn. Driekwart weet ook wie Jeroen van den Boom en Freek Vonk zijn. We blijken niet zulke enorme melkdrinkers, maar een bakkie koffie drinken we op bijna ieder moment van de dag.

Frietje mét.

Het frietje mét is met ruime voorsprong favorieter dan de hot dog en het voorstel voor een

HEMA-vestiging in de buurt wordt met wisselend enthousiasme ontvangen. Bijna tweederde mist zowel het aanbod van Nederlands broodbeleg als van het Nederlandse verse brood.

'En vraag niet naar de weg, want iedereen is de weg kwijt', is een regel uit een Nederlandstalig liedje. Uit de antwoorden bleek dat er meer mensen de weg kwijt waren, want velen zaten er naast.



Ook op de weg zelf is het uitkijken als je een in het buitenland wonende Nederlander tegenkomt, de groene streep in het midden van de weg, was voor velen een raadsel.

Ik ga op reis en neem mee naar huis....

Drop! Met stip bovenaan. Stroopwafels, hagelslag en kaas staan ook op het boodschappenlijstje, evenals Conimex-producten.

Hoe Nederlands deze laatste nou precies is, kun je je afvragen! De kroket en bitterbal worden meer gemist dan de frikandel en iets minder dan de helft bakt ook in den vreemde oliebollen.

Ook Koningsdag en Dodenherdenking gaan voor pakweg de helft niet ongemerkt voorbij. De Nieuwjaarsduik, daar loopt bijna niemand warm voor.

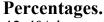
Van de bijna 14.000 deelnemers woont 30% meer dan 20 jaar in het buitenland. Zelfs Nederlanders die al 60 of 70 jaar geleden zijn vertrokken, hebben deelgenomen aan de quiz. Een kwart woont tussen de

tien en twintig jaar buiten de grenzen, 19% tussen de 5 en tien jaar en de rest minder dan vijf jaar. Er zitten ook remigranten tussen, mensen die in het buitenland hebben gewoond en weer teruggekeerd zijn. In de top 5 van aantal respondenten per land staan Spanje, de Verenigde Staten, Duitsland, het Verenigd Koninkrijk en Australië.



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Katjesdrop



43.4% is een Halfbakken Nederlander.

26.5% is nog Voldoende Nederlander.

17.6% is een Pseudo Nederlander.

12.5% is een Die Hard Nederlander.

Source: www.stuffdutchpeoplelike.com



From Eindhoven to West Australia in 1952.

My Uncle Willem, a Catholic Chaplin on a migration ship, was coming back from his trip to Australia and arrived back at the monastery in Belgium, where he was stationed. It was June 1951 and as usual, he spend the next weekend in Eindhoven with his brother and sister in law, Theo and Sjaan Oorschot and their 12 children.

My Dad was keen to find out from his brother what he thought of Australia as a possible new country for his large family and in particular for his 7 sons. Dad's future with De Maasbode, the newspaper he was looking after in Eindhoven, was not that good, as the paper had to start all over again after the war, as it was closed down by the German occupation.

Uncle Willem highly recommended the emigration to Australia as there would be a lot of opportunities to take advantage of in a new growing country.

Following promises by the older boys and girls to support the family once we are in Australia, Dad looked into it and paid a visit to the emigration office in the Hague, where he was informed, that someone in Australia would have to provide proof of accommodation and work before we would be granted a permit to emigrate. A good friend of our family, a Mat Iriks and his wife Kitty, had moved to South Australia, and they were going to try to provide these requirements. Than in Sunday the 1st of January 1952, a telegram was delivered, confirming work and accommodation in Peterborough in South Australia. The next day Dad was back in The Hague to finalise our application and we were advised to make the trip to Australia on the Johan van Oldenbarnevelt leaving from Amsterdam on 23rd of January. The next 3 weeks were used to organise a large timber box, 2m X 2m by



2m high, in which all of our belongings were packed and this box was carted to Amsterdam to go on the ship at same time. Than on Monday 23rd of January, a large bus with 40 emigrants, including the 14 Oorschots, left for Amsterdam and joined all the other emigrants who boarded the Johan van Oldenbarnevelt.

What nobody knew, my Mum was expecting her 13th child and when we left Amsterdam, she was already 7½ months pregnant. Because of her stocky build and wearing a corset, she could hide her predicament.

Needles to say she had a hard time on board the ship as she suffered a lot from seasickness. The Oorschots was the largest family on board, but there was one other large family, the Clijnk family with 8 children, that was going to West Australia. At the evening meal time, they organised that the children on board would have their meal a bit earlier, supervised by an older sibling and so my sister Bep was looking after her younger brothers and sisters and the oldest Clijnk girl Riet was looking after her younger siblings. On board, those two girls became friends, which had an important bearing on what happened later on.

It took 4 weeks for the "Johan", via the Suez canal, to reach Fremantle and than there was a lot of activity with those migrants that were destined for West Australia to disembark. We expected that the "Johan" would move out of the harbour next, but that did not happen. We were informed that there was a strike on in the Fremantle harbour and the ship was not allowed to leave. The strike lasted 10 days.

During those 10 days, a Kees Gabriels, a member of my mother's side of the family in Rotterdam, who had been living in Safety Bay, had received a letter, letting him know that we were on the 'Johan". If there had been no strike, he would have missed out on meeting us. He soon met up with Dad and Kees asked: "Why South Australia? WA is much better for your family". It did not take long for Dad to be convinced, also because Mum was getting very uncomfortable with her pregnancy, so Kees took Dad to the emigration office in Hay street Perth, and soon the documents were completed for us to get off here in Fremantle. Kees organised a beach cottage in Safety Bay and even before we got of the ship, someone from Moora, called on board looking for trades people, so both myself and

my brother John were taken on as carpenters.

It is amazing that a strike in Fremantle, had such an impact on the future of a family and in particular mine, as some five years later I started courting Riet Clijnk (Clynk) and never looked back. Things would have been so different if we had finished up in South Australia.

More can be learned about the Oorschots in my book: "The life of a Dutch Migrant".

It is now available for free on the following link:

https://tinyurl.com/HenkBook

Henk Oorschot. L.M.



Just after Christmas 1963 the Greek Cruise ship Lakonia (formerly the

Keukenhof is closed but the show goes on

World-famous Keukenhof. (Photo's by Albert Dros)

This year is 'special'. Keukenhof is closed, for the first time in 71 years. But that doesn't mean there are no flowers. On the contrary; the flowers look incredible and get as much attention and care as always. All the passionate gardeners do their work as they're used to. Because even without people, nature and the show of the garden goes on.

I've been photographing the tulips since forever, mostly in the countryside. I photographed them from all angles you can possibly imagine, but there was one thing that I still wanted to capture one time in my life: Keukenhof without any other people. This seemed impossible, until this year's April 2020. With the COVID-19 virus keeping everyone at home and tourists away, I knew this was my only chance of making this happen. I contacted Keukenhof explaining what I had in mind and they were so kind to let me photograph the gardens for a day.



Cherry Blossom and white Tulips.

The Fritillaria Imperialis flower.

The Corona Virus - interesting poem

THE COVID IS RAGING MY LIFE IS A MESS
I LIVE IN PYJAMAS AND DON'T HAVE TO DRESS

I'M IN ISOLATION JUST STAYING AT HOME AND WOULD GIVE MY LAST DOLLAR TO BE FREE TO ROAM

I'M SERIOUSLY AT RISK (OR THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY) TELLING ME TO STAY IN AND NOT GO OUT EACH DAY

IN MY HEAD I'M SO YOUNG THOUGH MY LICENCE REVEAL I'M A 70-PLUS SENIOR (BUT THAT'S NOT HOW IT FEELS!

WHEN I RUN OUT OF FOOD AND DELIVERIES ARE LATE I HAVE TO BUY GROCERIES BETWEEN 7 AND 8

SO EARLY IN THE MORNING I HEAD OUT TO RESTOCK AND DISCOVER A LINE UP THAT WINDS 'ROUND THE BLOCK

SOCIAL DISTANCING SENIORS ALL 6 FEET APART MAKE ME WONDER JUST WHEN I BECAME AN OLD FART

MY MEALS ARE REPETITIVE (A LOT LIKE MY GAS!) AND I'M TIRED OF DISCUSSING WHY TRUMP IS AN ASS

MY LATEST NEW OUTFIT IS GLOVES AND A MASK AND I'M STARTING TO WONDER IF I'M UP TO THIS TASK

I WASH ALL MY GROCERIES ALL FRUIT, MEAT AND VEG..... WILL THIS ADDITIONAL PRECAUTION TIP ME OVER THE EDGE

MY BEAUTIFUL BROWN HAIR HAS WIDE ROOTS OF GREY NO HAIRDRESSERS AROUND TO HELP WASH THEM AWAY

I'VE BEEN TALKING TO MYSELF NOW I'M ANSWERING BACK IS IT MONDAY OR FRIDAY I'VE REALLY LOST TRACK

I'VE STOPPED DOING HOUSEWORK IT'S WEEKS SINCE I'VE DUSTED AND I KNOW WITHOUT VISITORS I'LL NEVER GET BUSTED

I FACETIME MY FRIENDS OR WE GROUP CHAT ON ZOOM AND TRY TO PRETEND WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME ROOM

THANK GOD LIQUOR STORES ARE CONSIDERED 'ESSENTIAL' WITHOUT DAILY DRINKS THIS WOULD DRIVE US ALL MENTAL

EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE IT IS GOOD TO REFLECT ON WHAT THIS ALL MEANS AND WHAT WE CAN EXPECT

IT'S A TIME TO BE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THAT WE'VE GOT LIKE A WARM HOUSE AND FOOD THAT OTHERS HAVE NOT

THE BOTTOM LINE HERE BY THE TIME THIS ALL ENDS
IS THAT WE'LL GET THROUGH IT WITH OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

SO EVEN IF YOUR PARTNER IS A BIT OF A GRUMP YOU CAN REALLY BE GRATEFUL YOU'RE NOT MARRIED TO TRUMP!

Stuff Dutch People Like

"Stuff Dutch People Like" is a column written by an Expatriate living in the Netherlands. This amusing column observes the Dutch in their everyday life. We hope that you enjoy reading "Stuff Dutch People Like" as much as we do. The blog is available via the internet.



30+ reasons why the Netherlands is a beautiful country. Guest Post by award-winning Dutch photographer Albert Dros.

Most people know the Dutch for their flowers and their windmills. But did you know the Dutch also have endless amazing beaches on their northern islands? And that their forests are one of a kind? This colourful photo series contains a lot of images that show the beauty of my country. The flowers, the windmills, the architecture, our beaches and even our night skies. Granted, our country often looks rather grey and dull. We like to think we have rainy weather all year. If you ask any Dutch person how the weather is in our country, you will mostly get a negative answer. Thus, it will come as a surprise to lots of you when they see these colourful images. In fact, the Netherlands is not always rainy! I like to use

opportunities of good weather to go out, enjoy the nature, enjoy the Cities, and take beautiful photos. For tourists, who want to see the flowers, I recommend coming at the end of April-beginning of May. That way you get the best chance of seeing the beautiful flower fields in full bloom. Do not only go to the 'Keukenhof'. The Keukenhof is very nice, but it will also be the flower fields along the roads that will blow your mind (and nose, the smell is amazing!). Another cool thing to see would be the islands up north, called Texel and Terschelling for example. These are generally less known to tourists, but they have amazing totally 'not Dutch' nature! My country doesn't have high mountains and does not have high skyscrapers. I'd like to say, we have no extremes, but we are charming in our own way. I hope to welcome you in my

country!

Albert Dros – passionate landscape

and travel photographer –

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The Middle Wife.

I've been teaching now for about fifteen years. I have two kids myself, but the best birth story I know, is the one I saw in my own second grade classroom a few years back. When I was a kid, I loved show-and-tell. So I always have a few sessions with my students. It helps them get over shyness and usually, show-and-tell is pretty tame. Kids bring in pet turtles, model airplanes, pictures of fish they catch, stuff like that. And I never, ever place any boundaries or limitations on them. If they want to lug it in to school and talk about it, they're welcome.



Well, one day this little girl, Erica, a very bright, very outgoing kid, takes her turn and waddles up to the front of the class with a pillow stuffed under her sweater.

She holds up a snapshot of an infant; "This is Luke, my baby brother, and I'm going to tell you about his birthday.'

'First, Mom and Dad made him as a symbol of their love, and then Dad put a seed in my Mom's stomach, and Luke grew in there. He ate for nine months through an umbrella cord.'

She's standing there with her hands on the pillow, and I'm trying not to laugh and wishing I had my camcorder with me. The kids

are watching her in amazement.

"Then, about two Saturdays ago, my Mom starts going; 'Oh, Oh, Oh, Oh!' Erica puts a hand behind her back and groans; 'She walked around the house for, like an hour; 'Oh, oh, oh!' (Now this kid is doing a hysterical duck walk and groaning.)

'My Dad called the middle wife. She delivers babies, but she doesn't have a sign on the car like the Domino's man. They got my Mom to lie down in bed like this.' (Then Erica lies down with her back against the wall.)

'And then, pop! My Mom had this bag of water she kept in there in case he got thirsty, and it just blew up and spilled all over the bed, like psshhheew!' (This kid has her legs spread with her little hands miming water flowing away.) It was too much! Then the middle wife starts saying: 'Push, push,' and 'breathe, breathe.'

'They started counting, but never even got past ten. Then, all of a sudden, out comes my brother. He was covered in yucky stuff that they all said it was from Mom's play-centre, so there must be a lot of toys inside there. When he got out, the middle wife spanked him for crawling up in there in the first place.'

Then Erica stood up, took a big theatrical bow and returned to her seat. I'm sure I applauded the loudest. Ever since then, when it's Show-and-tell day, I bring my camcorder, just in case another 'Middle Wife' comes along. (By an anonymous Teacher.)



Klaverjas Club News & Birthday List

Klaverjas Club News.

Some of the smaller Sub-Clubs, such as our Snooker Club and small RDC Groups have restarted their activities at the RDC.

However, not all and we will not be playing cards for quite a while.

The hurdles still to overcome are:

- 1. The social distancing of 1.5 metres must be waived, as playing cards with 4 at the same table is impossible.
- 2. Sanitising card before someone else handles them is also impossible.
- 3. Licenced Clubs have been given the green light to open their doors, but presently are not allowed to have more than 20 people in the whole building at any time.
- 4. On Thursday nights, when the Card Club plays, the Pistol Club also meets and that magical number of 20 will be exceeded.
- 5. The Sunday Drives will not restart for quite a few month, as meals are involved. Piet Leeflang.



The following Members will celebrate their birthday during the month of June 2020. We wish them all a very Happy Birthday!!!

Ria Nissen

Riki Schaafsma

Gerard Kluck

Fiona Rozendal

Louis Marcus

Ferdinant Klesch

🦠 Anita Gigengack

Helen Dans Hank Uyen

Frank Goetschalckx

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George van Beek

Eugenia Kluck

🤼 Maria 💎 Jansen

Maud Berg-Jacobs

Joe Smit

Fiona Blaauw

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May a bit of Humour light up your Day

A judge reached a verdict in a bank robbery case.



Two weeks into a criminal trial in a very high-profile bank robbery case, the judge turns to the jury foreman and asks:

"Has the jury reached a verdict in this case?"

"Yes, we have, your honour," the foreman responds.

After the judge reads the verdict slip, he delivers the verdict slip back to his bailiff to be returned to the foreman and instructs the foreman: "Please read your verdict to the court".

"We find the defendant Not Guilty of all four counts of bank robbery," states the foreman.

The family and friends of the defendant jump for joy at the verdict and hug each other as they shout expressions of divine gratitude.

The man's attorney turns to his client and asks: "So, what do you think about that?" The defendant, with a bewildered look on his face, turns to his attorney and says: "I'm real confused here. Does this mean that now I have to give all the money back?"

A farmer is inspecting his herd.

A farmer is overseeing his herd when suddenly a brand-new car appears out of a cloud of dust and starts advancing towards him.

The driver, a young man in a suit, leans out the window and asks the farmer: "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, will you give me a calf?" The farmer looks at the man, obviously a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answers: "Sure, why not?" The yuppie parks his car, whips out his computer, connects it to his mobile phone, gets on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite to get an exact fix on his location, which he then feeds to another



satellite that scans the area in an ultra-highresolution photo.

The young man then opens the digital photo on his computer and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany. Within seconds, he receives an email that the image has been processed and the data stored.

He then accesses a database through an Excel spreadsheet with email on his phone and, after a few minutes, receives a response. Finally, he prints out a full colour, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturised printer. He turns to the farmer and says: "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves on this property."

"That's right," says the farmer: "Well, I guess you can take one of my calves." He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on with surprise and amusement as he puts it into the trunk of his

Then the farmer says to the young man: "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my calf?" The young man thinks about it for a second and then says: "Okay, why not?"

"You're a politician," says the farmer.

"Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie:

"But how did you guess that?"

"No guessing required," answered the farmer: "You showed up here even though nobody called you. You want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You used millions of dollars' worth of equipment trying to show me how

May a bit of Humour light up your Day

much smarter than me you are, and you don't know a thing about how working people make a living, nor about cows for that matter."

"This is a herd of sheep. Now open your boot and give me back **my dog**."

A woman apologises to the Reverend.

"I hope you didn't take it personally, Reverend, when my husband walked out during your sermon."

An embarrassed woman said after a church service: "I did find it rather

disconcerting. The preacher replied.

"It's not a reflection on you." Insisted the church-goer: "Ralph has been walking in his sleep since childhood."

A police officer pulled over a man who was speeding.



A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding down the

street

"But officer," the man began: "I can explain."

"Just be quiet," snapped the officer: "I'm going to let you cool your heels in jail until the chief gets back."

"But officer, I just wanted to say..."

"And I said to keep quiet! You're going to jail!"

A few hours later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said: "Lucky for you that the chief is at his daughter's wedding so he'll be in a good mood when he gets back."

"Don't count on it." Answered the fellow in the cell: "I'm the groom."

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Arcen, the Village with the thermal Baths





Arcen Flag & Coat of Arms.

Arcen is a Village in the Dutch Province of Limburg. It is located on the river Maas (Meuse) and it is a popular tourist attraction. It is wedged between Germany in the East and the river Maas (Meuse) in the West. National Park "de Hamert" lies just north of Arcen.

Previously, Arcen had been part of the Municipality of "Arcen en Velden."

History:

The Villages "Arcen en Velden" have been occupied or ruled by different countries over the centuries, including Spain during the Eighty Years' War, Prussia, Austria and France during the reign of Napoleon.

From 1830 until 1839, the two Villages together with most of Limburg, were a part of the newly independent Belgium. Since 1839, it is part of the Netherlands.



The Arcen Town Hall & Town Centre.

As of 1 January 2010, the (now former) Municipality of "Arcen en Velden", has become incorporated with the Municipality and City of Venlo, situated to the South of the Town. In 2001, Arcen had 1884 inhabitants. In December 2009, the last month before merging with the city of Venlo, the Municipality of Arcen en Velden had 8671 inhabitants.

Tourism:

Its location on the large river makes it a popular tourist attraction.

- -# They can enjoy the peaceful atmosphere while strolling through the Village or relaxing at a sidewalk café in the Village itself or beside the river Maas.
- -# If you like lager, why not head for the Hertog Jan Brewery.
- -# One can take a boat trip down the Maas or start the day out in nature at the National Park "De Maasduinen."
- -# You can go mountain biking, horse riding or trekking with the kids.
- -# There are countless holiday resorts all around Arcen.



The Arcen Castle.



The thermal Baths.



The Schanstoren ruins.

Arcen, the Village with the thermal Baths





Artwork and landscaped Acer Gardens.



Thermal Baths:

The warm water comes from 900 metres below the surface and the baths, on hotel property, are known for their therapeutic benefits. They have public access as well.

The Arcen Castle Gardens:

The Arcen Castle is known for its exquisitely landscaped gardens. The building itself is not old, but it was built on the ruins of several castles, going back 500 years and all destroyed during the many wars fought in this region.

Old Water Mill "De Ijsvogel", now a distillery.











Images of the colourful Arcen Castle Gardens.

Do you remember???? (I DO, Matty Mentz.)

Most of us over 65 were Home Schooled in many ways...

My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE:

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

My mother taught me RELIGION:

"You'd better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL:

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

My father taught me LOGIC:

"Because I said so, that's why

My mother taught me MORE LOGIC:

"If you fall from that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

My mother taught me FORESIGHT:

Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My father taught me IRONY:

"Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS:

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM:

"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

My mother taught me about STAMINA:

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

My mother taught me about WEATHER

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY:

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"

My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE:

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out of......"

My mother taught me about BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION:

"Stop acting like your father!"

My mother taught me about ENVY:

"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you have."

My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION:

"Just wait until we get home."

My mother taught me about RECEIVING:

"You are going to get it from your father when he gets home!"

My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE:

"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

My mother taught me ESP:

"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

My father taught me HUMOUR:

"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT:

"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

My mother taught me GENETICS:

"You're just like your father."

My mother taught me about my ROOTS

"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

My mother taught me WISDOM:

"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

My father taught me about JUSTICE:

"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

We were all 'Home Schooled' whether we realised it at the time or not...

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Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column, but each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

Sudoku 53 - Easy

Sudoku 53 - Moderate

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CODEBREAKER PUZZLE

A Codebreaker is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet is replaced by a number.

For this puzzle **two** letters only are revealed. Start with entering these letters throughout the puzzle and then start guess your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not work' you can erase it and start again. Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S occur more often then others e.g. the letter X or Z. The first word of last week's Codebreaker was not straightforward, but once you found the words: Assassin, Violations and Castaway, you were on your way to solve it. The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker was as follows: A=24; B2=3; C=1; D=4; E=7; F=8; G=9; H=2; I=12; J=11;K=13; L=5; M=25; N=22;*O*=21; *P*=10; *Q*=6; *R*=17; *S*=26; T=14; U=3; V=20; W=19;X=15; Y=18; Z=16.

Last month's Sudoku Easy 52 solution.

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Last month's Sudoku Medium 52 solution.

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